

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment(s) under the provisions of Rule 1.312 is respectfully requested for the purpose of improving the form of the application and providing clear antecedent basis for terms and phrases used in the claims. In particular, (a) the phrase "if present" was removed from the definition of Q in claims 17 and 20; and (b) the term "benzyl" was removed from the definition of Q in claim 19 and from the definition of R² in claim 22, said term having no antecedent basis in the claims as amended.

In addition to the amendments discussed above, an initialed copy of the IDS submitted on October 10, 2002 was never provided to applicants. A copy of which is enclosed with a copy of the return postcard showing receipt of Form PTO/SB/08A with one (1) reference in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and stamped "OIPE JC100 PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE" and dated "October 10, 2002". Also enclosed is a copy of the Express Mail receipt indicating a Date In of October 10, 2002.

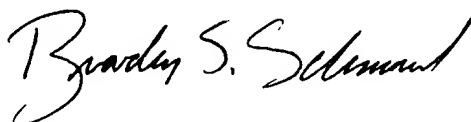
Also, an initialed copy of the IDS submitted on February 7, 2003 was never provided to applicant. A copy of which is enclosed with a copy of the Express Mail receipt indicating a Date In of February 7, 2003. Please note that, although properly addressed and mailed, applicants did not receive the return postcard from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for this IDS.

Consequently, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended to reflect all of the references submitted on Forms PTO/SB/08A dated October 10, 2002 and February 7, 2003. Applicants hereby respectfully request that all references listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A submitted on October 10, 2002 and February 7, 2003, be reviewed and, if appropriate, copies of the forms with all references initialed and all pages signed be forwarded to applicants.

CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as the above amendments are for the purpose of improving the form of the application and providing clear antecedent basis for terms and phrases used in the claims, entry thereof is respectfully requested under the provisions of Rule 1.312.

Respectfully submitted,

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